



MINUTES

INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

November 18, 2015

Indiana State House
200 W Washington St
Room 233
Indianapolis, IN 46204

10:00 am. EDT
Board Meeting

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) convened at 10:08 AM.

ICSB Members Karega Rausch (Chair), Kreg Battles, DeLyn Beard, Virginia Calvin, Daniel Lopez, Joshua Owens, and Kristin Reed were present. Staff members Michelle McKeown and James Betley were present.

I. Call to Order/Board Meeting minutes approval

Dr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Dr. Calvin motioned to approve the proposed minutes with one spelling correction noted. Mr. Battles seconded. The motion passed unanimously Dr. Rausch, Mr. Battles, Dr. Calvin, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Owens, and Ms. Reed voting yes.

II. Updates

Dr. McKeown provided the Board with information that Global Leadership Academy that was approved in May 2015 for a Fall 2016 opening had changed its name to Steel City Academy. The school also exercised the flexibility expressly granted to it by the ICSB in the May 2015 meeting to change from serving grades 4 and 8 in year 1 to serving grades 7 and 9. The changes were in response to community need as well as the shift by the state from End of Course Assessment to a Grade 10 ISTEP.

Ms. Beard arrived at the meeting at 10:19.

III. Charter School Applications Decisions

Heritage Institute of Arts and Technology (“HIAT”): Dr. Darlene Henderson presented an overview of the proposed school and answered ICSB Board Members’ questions. Mr. Betley provided the ICSB staff recommendation of granting a charter to HIAT. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Lopez seconded. The motion passed 5-2 with Dr. Rausch, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Mr. Lopez, and Mr. Owens voting yes, and with Mr. Battles and Ms. Reed voting no.

The ICSB took a short adjournment at 11:25 and resumed at 11:34.

The Mind Program (“TMP”): Ms. Tiffany Thomas presented an overview of the proposed school and answered ICSB Board Members’ questions. Mr. Betley provided the ICSB staff recommendation of granting a charter to TMP. Dr. Calvin moved to approve the staff recommendation. Owens seconded. The motion passed 4-3 with Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Mr. Lopez, and Mr. Owens voting yes, and with Mr. Battles, Dr. Rausch, and Ms. Reed voting no.

TRON/AGEK Educational Foundation (“NiSe”): Mr. Betley presented the recommendation of declining a charter to NiSe. Dr. Rausch moved to approve the staff recommendation on declination. Mr. Lopez second. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Charter School Activation Request

Mr. Betley presented the staff recommendation to approve the request for Phalen Leadership Academy to activate one charter as an innovation network charter school in 2016-2017 and two charters to be innovation network charter schools in 2017-2018.

Mr. Owens motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Lopez seconded. The motion passed with Dr. Rausch, Mr. Battles, Ms. Beard, Dr. Calvin, Mr. Lopez, and Mr. Owens voting yes, and Ms. Reed voting no. The vote was 6-1.

Dr. Calvin exited the meeting at 12:15.

V. Charter School Agreement Amendment

Mr. Betley presented the staff recommendation to approve the request to modify the charter agreement with Carpe Diem - Shadeland to expand the school to serve Grades 11 and 12 effective in Year 1 of the school’s operation (the 2015-16 school year). In addition, the staff recommended that modification of the Charter Agreement between the ICSB and Carpe Diem - Northwest to allow Carpe Diem - Northwest to expand to serve Grades 11 and 12 effective in Year 1 of the school’s operation (the 2015-16 school year) and to increase the school’s maximum enrollment from 300 to 450 effective in Year 2 of the school’s operation (the 2016-17 school year).

Mr. Lopez motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Dr. Rausch seconded. The motion passed with Dr. Rausch, Mr. Battles, Ms. Beard, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Owens, and Ms. Reed voting yes. The vote was 6-0.

VI. Closing Remarks

Dr. Rausch congratulated the applicant groups who had received approval for their proposed charter school and reminded them that now the really hard work was to begin. Dr. Rausch also thanked the staff for their work during the proposal process.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Owens motioned to adjourn at 12:28. Mr. Lopez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.